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Transmitted herewith are the following papers for filing a new Application:

1. Specification and claims; Declaration/Power of Attorney duly signed July 18, 2001 and attached thereto;
2. Three Drawings on strong paper accompanying the specification (M.P.E.P. 608.02-rev. 81);
3. Deposit Account order for Filing Fee : \$ 355.= dated July 19, 2001 (duplicate);
4. Deposit Account order for Assignment fee : \$ 40 dated July 19, 2001
5. Assignment of the Invention to: DE MARCHI SPORT S.R.L.
6. Small Entity verified Statement.

The priority of the here-under listed Application(s) is respectfully claimed:

- Italian Application No. TV2000U000035 filed August 10, 2000

A Certified Copy of the priority Application(s) ~~will be sent in due course~~ is attached.

Please place of record in the file the enclosed papers and kindly acknowledge receipt thereof; please readily collect the credit specified in the Deposit Account order, so as to allow the Application to receive the earliest possible filing date, within:

AUGUST 10, 2001

Respectfully submitted

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Encls.:

- Spec./claims + Declaration/Power
- Formal drawings
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

SMALL ENTITY

Inventor(s): Stefano COCCIA

For: PROTECTIVE ELEMENT PARTICULARLY FOR CYCLING SHORTS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Small Entity verified Statement.
- ☒ Three sheets of drawing on strong paper (M.P.E.P. 608.02 - rev. 81)
- ☒ An Assignment of the Invention to DE MARCHI SPORT S.R.L.
- ☒ A Certified Copy of a n Italian Patent Application
- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney

CLAIMS AS FILED					
	(1) for	(2) number filed	(3) number extra	(4) rate	(5) basic fee \$ 355.=
Total claims		18 - 20 =		x \$ 9.=	
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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))--SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

Docket Number (Optional):
34658/GM/1p

Applicant or Patentee: **Stefano COCCIA**

Application or Patent No.: _____

Filing Date or Issue Date: _____

Title: **PROTECTIVE ELEMENT PARTICULARLY FOR CYCLING SHORTS**

I hereby declare that I am

☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:

☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN **DE MARCHI SPORT S.R.L.**

ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN **Via Roma, 104**

31020 SAN VENDEMIANO ITALY

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

☒ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.

☐ the application identified above.

☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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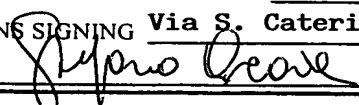
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NAME OF PERSON SIGNING **Stefano COCCIA**

TITLE OF PERSON IF OTHER THAN OWNER **Managing Director**

ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING **Via S. Caterina Da Siena 10 - 31015 CONEGLIANO - ITALY**

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DATE **July 18, 2001**